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One-year-old Sam Olliffe joins his mother Cathy and the rest of The Echo staff in wishing our readers a year of health, happiness and hopes fulfilled. We look forward to sharing another year in the life of the Highlands with all of you.

No New Year's Day Levee in Haliburton

In case you're looking for something special to do on January 1 this year, don't look for it at Head Lake Park in Haliburton.

The event, which was held in 2000 and 2001, won't be hap-

pening in 2002. One of the organizers of last year's levee, Aggie Tose, says she and other volunteers have been busy with other projects. She also said Dysart et al disbanded the recreation committee which was responsi-

ble for the levee.

The matter recently came before Dysart councillors, who decided not to pay for the high cost for fireworks.

"Fireworks are the draw that attracts people," Tose says.

Murdered man's remains found near Gooderham

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Police are releasing very few details about the Highlands discovery of the remains of a Cameron man who was murdered some time earlier this month.

The skies above Gooderham were buzzing on Saturday, December 23 when an OPP helicopter augmented a massive search for clues after the remains were found just off Contau Lake Road.

A post mortem at the Chief Coroner's Office in Toronto confirmed that the remains were those of Kent Robert Knights, a 35-year-old man from the village north of Lindsay.

The post mortem also determined that the cause of death was a beating.

Knights was last seen alive on December 1 and an acquaintance reported him missing on December 11.

This prompted a search of the Cameron area, where Knights

owned property. He was not originally from the area and was taking academic upgrading courses at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Lindsay.

The December 21 issue of Kawartha Lakes This Week says officers with the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP and the emergency response team, along with the OPP helicopter and canine units, conducted the first search of the Cameron area, where Knights was last seen. ATVs were later used to continue the search.

In a press release issued December 24, the OPP says the search for Knights led officers to a property in Glamorgan Township.

"It was a result of our investigation that led us to that particular location," says Detective Inspector Jim Wilson of the OPP Criminal Investigations Branch, who is directing the investigation with the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP Crime Unit.

Wilson would not comment on public speculation about the

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Haliburton Sled Dog Derby has weather history on its side

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Statistically, things are looking good for the Haliburton Sled Dog Derby on January 12 and 13.

Does that mean there will be enough snow, and more importantly, enough ice on Head Lake to host the village's first races?

Sometimes the weather gods won't even make bets on statistics, local weather watcher Jim

Elstone says.

When organizers were trying to pick a day for the races, they turned to Elstone and his record books, which date back 150 years.

He discovered there was a much better chance of having enough snow in the second weekend of January than the last weekend.

"The lowest amount of snow on the ground (around January 12) was 25 cm," he says.

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Family Services of Haliburton County reminds us that the holidays are about giving and if act on your good intentions, you may improve your own health in the process. Studies indicate that volunteering increases satisfaction and self-esteem and can curb depression and anxiety. Family Services needs volunteers in the following areas: art assistants, Kid Companions (for males), drivers and tutors. Call Marilou Mizzan at 457-5345 if you think you could help the children of Haliburton County.

Anyone or group who has an arts- or culture-related event planned for February, March and April is reminded that if you want it promoted in the next ArtsOn calendar, the deadline is January 11. Don't forget that this time frame includes Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter. Call Tilda Truchan at 457-1064 or email truchan@halhinet.on.ca

Wayne Hancock, who grew up in Irondale, is the new director of engineering and public works for Kawartha Lakes. He is currently the director of public works for the town of Whitby, overseeing engineering, transit, traffic and waste management - all similar to his new responsibilities. His mother, Bea Hancock, still resides in the village, where the Hancocks were the storekeepers for many years.

Now that the English as a Second Language program, sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Learning Centre, has moved to the Haliburton United

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Church, there's room for more participants. If interested call Jane Selbie at 457-3430.

People with disabilities are invited to a free curling workshop sponsored by the Council for Persons with Disabilities in Peterborough. Starting at 1 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 12, you can learn the basics of curling using adaptive equipment. It's at the Peterborough Curling Club, 2195 Lansdowne Street West. Call 705-742-2364 for details.

Dementia: Managing Challenging Behaviours is the topic of a one-day workshop in Peterborough sponsored by the Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area, Janssen-Ortho Inc and Pfizer Canada. Guest speakers are Len Fabiano, CEO of FCS International and Dr. Alistar Flint, head of the geriatric psychiatry program at the University of Toronto. To register for the January 23 workshop, call 1-800-561-2588. The workshop is free for caregivers and \$50 for professionals.

In November, Zoe Sisson, in the photo at left, participated in the Winter Snowflake Pageant in Niagara Falls. She received an honourable mention in the Teeny Tiny Miss competition, a trophy for being most photogenic, and was titled Miss Congeniality. Proud grandparents are Blaine Sisson, and Harry and Barbara Neville all of Haliburton.

"Omega block" threatens to bring warm weather to Highlands this week

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"Statistically, yes, it's on our side."

Locally, the weather has been co-operating nicely. Around Christmas the temperatures finally started dipping below zero and on Wednesday night, the mercury reached -14°, plunging down to -19.5° on the night of

December 28. With below-zero temperatures expected for the rest of the week, "it's going to be making ice all the time."

Unfortunately, the white fluffy snow which turned Haliburton into a magical white Christmas is acting as an insulating blanket on Head Lake, so it's not freezing as quickly as everyone would prefer.

More threatening, however, is something called an Omega block in the atmosphere.

"The jet stream over the western part of Canada makes a loop into the High Arctic before it comes back down into Saskatchewan and the United States," Elstone says. The Omega block is bringing a lot of warm air into the Arctic, and it's the Arctic which is supposed

to be supplying us with the cold air to make the lake freeze. As a result, temperatures climbed above zero in the High Arctic last week.

By Saturday morning, Elstone was saying the Omega block is likely going to cause similarly warm weather to waft into the Highlands.

But that's not necessarily a bad thing. If the snow on the lake melts and then temperatures fall, new ice will form more quickly.

Last week there was 19 cm of snow on the ground.

While everyone is hoping the races will run as scheduled on January 12 and 13, the weekend of February 23 and 24 is slated as a backup. Elstone says February is traditionally the coldest month of the year.

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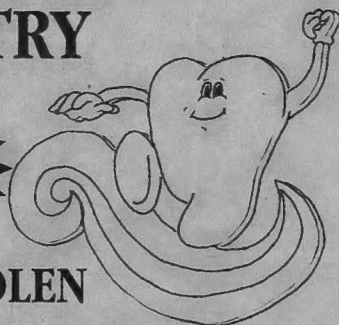
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Boxing Day sales pack shoppers into stores

CATHY OLLIFFE

Staff Reporter

Oh, the weather outside turned frightful and the shopping was delightful ...

In just about every store on the village's main drag, merchants were singing the same tune: Christmas shopping really didn't start in earnest until the snow started falling. And that happened in the final days leading up to the big day.

Christmas Eve, in fact, was a bit of a zoo in downtown Haliburton. Cash register line-ups were long no matter where shoppers gathered. The grocery stores were busy with people buying egg nog, the liquor store was busy with people buying rum to put in the egg nog, the hardware store sold out of Scotch tape and the jewelry store was jam-packed with men filling their credit cards with baubles to keep the missus happy Christmas morning.

One of the busiest spots in town had to be V & S. Store owner Andy Glecoff said, "It started later than last year but once it got started, it was good. When it started to snow it really started - the customer counts and sales skyrocketed."

Up until Dec. 14, when the county's first big snowfall arrived, Glecoff said cottagers and visitors were staying away. "We weren't really a vacationland." But by the time V & S opened for Boxing Day sales Dec. 27, things were in full swing. "They're here now," he told *The Echo*.

As in other stores, V & S had mostly Christmas stuff on sale,

with coats and polar fleece also discounted because of the johnny-come-lately cold weather. But practical items weren't the only thing going out the door. "It's just incredible some of the things people were buying," he said. Indeed, one of the most popular items sold was that infamous singing bass fish. Last year the singing bass sold for \$39.99. This year it was going for \$4.99 because the market was flooded. Still, "the price is right," Glecoff said. He figures he's sold 250 singing bass over the last year or so.

A few doors down, it's not singing fish that were going like hotcakes this Christmas, it was snowmen. Country Pickin's owner Laurie Bonfield was happy to report that "Anything in snowmen was selling because people can leave it out all year, not just at Christmas." Customers also didn't puzzle over whether to buy puzzles - they bought them, "big time."

Like Glecoff, Bonfield said snow was the kick start her holiday business needed. "It got really busy just before Christmas," she said. "I think the snow made the difference." Business is up over other years, but not significantly.

On Boxing Day two people worked the cash, the line-ups were long and every part of the store bustled with activity as shoppers filled their arms with everything from melamine dishes to oven mitts.

Things were also busy around the corner at Cranberry Cottage. "We had a busy season," Susanne Totty said. "It was great. Sales are going well."

CATHY OLLIFFE/Echo



Boxing Day in Haliburton: Clockwise from top right: Some shelves at Home Hardware were a bit bare after last-minute Christmas shoppers and Boxing Day sale seekers came through; the till was kept busy at Country Pickin's; the streets were bustling; and Patricia McNeil of Haliburton was a bit tuckered out while she waited for her grandmother at V & S.

MNR re-opens ice fishery on Drag Lake, slot limits removed from three other county lakes

JERRY GROZELLE

Special to The Echo

New lake trout fishing regulations will take effect on several Haliburton County lakes in the new year.

Drag Lake will be open to winter and spring fishing for lake trout for the first time in 14 years, starting on January 1, 2002. In addition, the slot limit will be removed from Miskwabi, Long and Farquhar lakes.

Ministry of Natural Resources fisheries extension biologist David Flowers of the Minden office noted that the decision to make the changes involved public consultation. He said the slot size on Drag Lake is an experiment to test the effectiveness of the size of the slot.

"We would like to get more of the smaller fish harvested," he said. "That will give some of the fish the opportunity to grow larger."

Flowers said this experiment should start to show some results within a few years. He calls it "an adaptable management plan." The effects will be closely monitored in co-operation with the Drag Lake Property Owners' Association, the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association and local anglers.

"It's a positive step," Flowers said, adding that it will provide more angling opportunities.

"Drag Lake is a special case," Flowers added. Extensive creel census, both during the open water and winter seasons, as well as trap netting and tagging of spawning fish, will help to provide the data necessary to develop the best management strategy for the fishery.

"We have been studying genetics to see if these fish are predisposed to be smaller fish or if it is more to do with the food base," Flowers said.

In the other lakes - Miskwabi, Long and Farquhar - the effects of the slot limits and stocking will be studied to determine the appropriate management strategy.

"Continued community co-operation is paramount to the success of these projects," Flowers said. "Three years' planning has gone into it to get to this point. It's all part of a partnership."

He added that a workshop is planned for late spring

or early summer of 2002 to provide a public update.

In the case of Drag Lake, data collected over the past 14 years has been analyzed by the MNR and it has been determined that the closure of the winter fishery has had no effect on the lake trout quality. Individuals and organizations with an interest in the resource have requested some action from the Ministry of Natural Resources' Minden Area Office fisheries managers. Encouragement and support of the Haliburton Lake Trout Project Steering Committee (which includes representatives from MNR, OFAH, and the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association) and the Drag Lake Property Owners Association, led to the analysis of existing data and the preparation of a report entitled the Drag Lake Fishery Background Report.



This report is based on 14 years of assessment data supplied by the Haliburton-Hastings Fisheries Assessment Unit. It documents changes to the Drag Lake fish community, major shifts in lake trout diet from larger to smaller food items, and possible causes for the decline in the recreational angling fishery. These results were presented to and discussed with a small group of stakeholders and MNR researchers, data collection experts and fisheries managers in September 2000 at the Leslie M. Frost Centre, Dorset.

The consensus at that meeting was that the winter fishery on Drag Lake could be reopened, as long as some measures were implemented to limit the fishing pressure. The implementation of a slot limit is part of the management plan. For the year 2002, winter anglers will be allowed to fish with two lines through the ice. Normally, on lakes with a slot limit, only one line is permitted.

Although the number of lines is governed by the federal government's Federal Fisheries Act, the provincial natural resources ministry is empowered to change province-specific regulations. The MNR, through a variation order, has approved changes to vary the closed season and to initiate a slot-size regulation on Drag Lake and has also approved the elimination of size (slot) limits on Miskwabi, Long and Farquhar Lakes. The regulation concerning the number of lines used by anglers can only be changed by an Ontario Fishery Regulation amendment, which takes longer than a variation order. Therefore, only open seasons and size limits will be in effect for 2002. In 2003 the number of lines used to fish in the winter will be reduced to one on Drag, but increased to two lines on Miskwabi, Long and Farquhar lakes.

New regulations for Drag Lake

Season length: The existing fish sanctuary regulation for Drag Lake, which restricted lake trout fishing from January 1 to the third Saturday in May, will be removed. Effective January 1, 2002 winter fishing and early spring fishing for lake trout will be permitted on Drag Lake. The closed season for lake trout will be from October 1 to December 31.

Size limit: A new slot-size regulation will be introduced for the entire fishing season on Drag Lake. Drag Lake anglers will be permitted to only harvest lake trout that are less than 40 cm (15.7 inches) or greater than 55 cm (21.7 inches) in length. All lake trout between 40 and 55 cm must be released. Fish length is measured from the tip of the mouth, with the jaws closed, to the tip of the tail, with the tail fin lobes compressed to give the maximum possible length.

Number of lines: When angling through the ice two lines will be permitted in 2002 but will be restricted to only one line in 2003. In 2003 Drag Lake will then have a one-line regulation that is consistent with other Haliburton County Lakes, which currently have similar size restrictions.

New regulations for Miskwabi, Long and Farquhar Lakes

Season length: No changes - open season from January 1 to September 30.

Closed from October 1 to December 31.

Size limit: No size restrictions for harvested lake trout - effective January 1, 2002 the slot-size regulation will be removed on Miskwabi, Long and Farquhar Lakes.

Number of lines: When angling through the ice on these lakes only one line will be permitted in 2002 but this will be increased to two lines in 2003. By 2003 Miskwabi, Long and Farquhar lakes will then have consistent two-line regulations that are comparable to other Haliburton County lakes that also have no size limit restrictions.

For Drag, Miskwabi, Long and Farquhar the lake trout catch and possession limit will remain unchanged at two for a sport fishing license and one for a conservation fishing licence.

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Christmas at Sir Sam's

Taryn McDonald and her brother Brendan joined their mother Susan and hundreds of other skiers at Sir Sam's Ski Area in Eagle Lake on December 27 to ski off their Christmas thanks. Thanks to snow-making machines and some last-minute co-operation from Mother Nature, the hills opened on scheduled the Saturday before Christmas and will be one of the most popular destinations in the Highlands this Christmas break..

Photos by Darren Lum

2001 was a time of meeting the county's challenges, past warden says

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Despite the many challenges it is facing, county council can look back on 2001 with pride and a sense of accomplishment, says past warden Murray Fearrey.

The biggest challenge is waste management. As the county grows, he says we can no longer continue to bury our garbage in landfill sites. He spearheaded a search for alternative technologies, such as incineration and composting on a county-wide basis.

"That's our future," Fearrey said a few days for New Year's Eve. "I just know we can't continue to do what we're doing. Traditional landfill sites won't serve the needs of our people so we need to find technology to deal with garbage in the Canadian Shield....

"We'll continue to pursue options and hopefully at the end of this council's three-year term there will be a clear direction.

"You can talk about water quality and lake capacity, but if you look after waste management and sewage, everything else should look after itself."

Other highlights of the year include:

- the smooth transition of taking over services such as land ambulance. "The service was continued and improved upon," he says.

- deciding to debenture the cost of introducing 9-1-1. Although this involves a eight or nine percent budget increase for several years, at least property taxpayers aren't hit with an upwards of 30% hike. As well, the move reinforces the county's commitment to the emergency numbering system.

- and the introduction of a committee of the whole process. By having all eight county councillors serve on the committee, which meets the morning of the county council meeting, time restraints are eased on both politicians and staff.

The new warden is Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison. Fearrey continues to serve as Dysart et al's reeve.

Police seek public's help in gathering information about discovery of Cameron man's body near Gooderham

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state of the remains. "We've used the terminology that human remains were found as far as decomposition or any evidence in relationship to the body (is concerned)."

Called in to help with the investigation on December 23 were an OPP helicopter, a forensic anthropologist, a canine cadaver unit and the Emergency

Response Team, among others.

Police were present in Gooderham until late last week.

Wilson says it's possible police will return to the area as the investigation continues.

Meanwhile, anyone with any information that could help the police with their investigation is asked to phone the Kawartha Lakes OPP at 705-324-6741 or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Anatomy of a village

Eagle Lake is still a thriving, active place for residents and cottagers

RUTH STILL

Special to The Echo

I HAVE OFTEN WONDERED when writing articles about Eagle Lake for *The Echo* just whom I am addressing? The Eagle Lake natives to let them know what events are happening on their doorstep? Or the rest of the county to let them know that though small we are very much alive and kicking?

Also I dare say that I am not the one who should be in the role of correspondent for the community. Living alone without close contact to the younger generations, their interests, activities and problems, I am distanced from the actual village life scene. Whether I wish to be or not.

I have lived here for almost 20 years now. I am joined at the hip with this village, I am committed to it as to a spouse. It is a city in microcosm. It has the same success or failure stories, crimes of passion, occasions of great joy, and just ordinary people struggling to raise a family and provide a good home.

Two recent events have sparked this introspection on my part. The first happened recently in Haliburton. A merchant with whom I was dealing said, "I know you - Eagle Lake Rhubarb Festival". Then he shook his head and opined, "You people up there are still trying to get something going and there isn't even a community there!"

I couldn't have felt worse had I been hit with a board. It haunts me still. Implied is the premise that a community here exists only in the stubborn, deluded minds of a small minority and they are "flogging a dead horse".

So aside from the emotion, what is a community? The most apt definition perhaps is: a group of people living together as a smaller social unit within a larger one and having interests, work etc. in common.

I can think that this might be an accepted version of a

DARREN LUM/Echo



Postmaster Allan Bagg also serves double duty as owner of Eagle Lake Food Town, making the store a vital source of news and groceries.

community by some but:

Breathes there the man with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land,
For whose dear sake our fathers died.

I have never seen statistics regarding the size or boundaries or population of Eagle Lake. But, using the civic numbering system which identified every property here and named every street and was accomplished by us three years ago, our population is roughly 300 permanent residents within a three mile radius of the intersection of County Rd. 6 and County Rd. 14. There are 33 women who live independently. There are about 75 students from J.K. to the end of high school. The proportion of Senior residents is about 35% of the 300 people. There are 55 cottage industries in our midst.

The village is divided into roughly three main strata. Obviously there will be overlapping. First there are those who live on lakeshore property. Only via a boat cruise can one really see these homes, substantial, secluded, like their owners shunning the public and participating little in the community at large. Here is probably the concentration of wealth and influence in the community. I have often wondered had the orchid

been chosen to represent our village rather than the humble rhubarb would we have had more adherents to the village cause.

The locating of "The Cooperage" on the shores of Eagle Lake in the Depression year of 1932 literally created the village as we know it. For the first settlers who arrived here in 1869 did not live on the lowlands by the Gill River. But this is where the Cooperage employees built their homes. Many of their descendants still call this home, keep much to themselves in their family unit and form another group in the village.

The third group arrived from cities and towns elsewhere within the last 30 years or so. They loved the beauty and the peace of the area and hoped to add some of the standards and amenities to which they had become accustomed. And many had a keen sense of civic duty; in my case it was frustrated for 30 years as the token Anglos in a French milieu.

A smaller fringe group of transients seems endemic to small centres. They remain long enough to gauge the support facilities available and if they are not incarcerated for an infringement of the law move on to greener pastures, often leaving considerable mayhem in their wake.

Community Establishment

This did not happen overnight. It was rather the cumulative efforts of generations of pioneers who struggled with their stony inheritance here. They were

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Although Eagle Lake's population often dwindled, community spirit persevered

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recruited in the British Isles around the year 1861 by the Canada Land and Emigration Co. of which Thomas Chandler Haliburton, formerly of Halifax, N.S. Canada, but now residing in London, England, was a chief executive.

The first three settler families arrived in 1869. A decade later there were 18 families living generally along what is now Sir Sams Village Road on the ridge, with farms backing on the lake. The first school was built up here beside what is now The Old Eagle Lake Road in 1872. In 1892 a replacement school was erected. This lasted until 1945 when a new brick school went up beside Co. Rd. #6.

The settlers found that the land once cleared of trees was of the poorest sand/gravel quality. Some moved away but many stayed and struggled on. Itinerant ministers and local Edward Packard conducted church services in the schoolhouse with Mrs. Arnberg at the piano. They were paid in kind: a freshly caught fish, home baking, venison, vegetables.

Life was hard, money was scarce, but the elements of community they could establish were immeasurably precious and hard won.

When Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia and Defence in 1916 and 1917, bought up many of these farms to form his 2000-acre estate and build his summer home

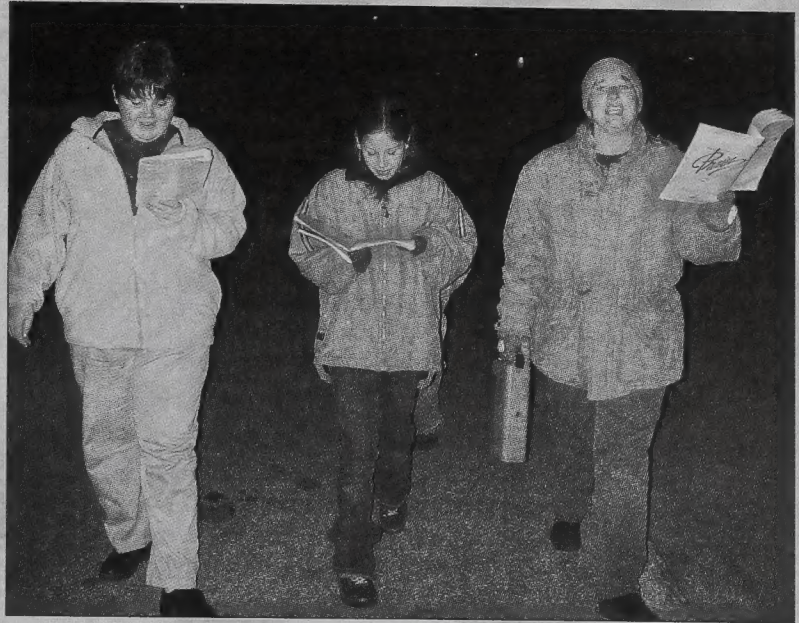
"Glen Eagle", the farmers who remained were only too willing to sell and move out. Sir Sam Hughes had few years to enjoy his domain as he died in 1921, and the Hughes estate ended in 1945.

The community dwindled, recovered and persevered, but always a community essence was there. A community store was established in 1935. In 1937 the little community church was built. (For further information consult *In the Fullness of Time - the Story of Eagle Lake* available at Masters Book Store, Haliburton or The Bistro and Eagle Lake Store.)

A New Era

As Bob Bishop Sr., whose family eventually owned most of the Hughes estate and who began the popular Sir Sams ski area, said to the new store owner Allan Bagg in 1968 "Eagle Lake is on the edge of great development". Certainly 30 years later has proven him right in building and in new families here. With a new century comes new social mores, new family values, new acceptances, new right and responsibilities. A growing awareness of these factors is my other reason for this analysis of the village.

Our new pastor, Roy Carter, a man with wide experience of the world in general, of unquestionable devotion and closeness to his God, and with the resulting wisdom, has become a growing factor in village life as his skills are utilized



ALLISON TAYLOR

Jean Tyler leads the church's youth group in an evening of carolling. A carol service at the public beach is becoming a popular event in the village.

in the production of our recently-published pictorial Directory of Eagle Lake.

We lack a community centre. When Roy was approached about a bid-euchre group using the church basement his reply was, "With no betting or gambling it is just an opportunity to get together and enjoy each other's company at a game". A breath of fresh air, a change from the old rigidity!

A Rhubarb Committee meeting recently brought out some much needed new blood, with new ideas, fresh energy and a young approach to our 11th season and also questions as to why participation by younger people was so absent. The festival for 2002 will be held next year on Sat. June 29, 2002.

Plans ahead for the village: a 20 by 24 foot picnic shelter with concrete base to be built at the beach next spring. There is much support for a covered bridge if

only somebody has the intestinal fortitude to wade through the red tape to obtain the green light to commence. And somehow, sometime, a community centre is the ultimate ambition.

This is an age of frenetic life style even, far removed from the city life, of broken marriages, of fractured families. Moves are so frequent that the summer cottage is the nearest thing to a permanent family home that many children remember. Eagle Lake with its friendly welcome to all, its very sameness and stability of things coupled with its eternal beauty is balm to many a troubled person.

So community is definitely more than buildings, bricks and bodies. It has a life and a soul. This is no "dead horse we are flogging". This is our rich inheritance. What will be accrued for the community and passed on, in our turn, to the new inhabitants of our village?

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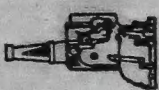


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Happy thoughts

With everyone wishing everyone else a Happy New Year, we decided to keep with our tradition of listing some of the things this county has to be happy about.

Legion Ladies Auxiliaries: Has anyone not had a meal cooked by their local Legion's Ladies Auxiliary? Can you imagine anyone else being willing or able to take on the gargantuan task of feeding hundreds of people at a single sitting? In Haliburton, the Ladies Auxiliary members certainly earned their wings when they put on a Christmas feast for 255 people at the Home Support luncheon a few weeks ago. But the Auxiliary is more than

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women who know the finer points of hospitality (and hard work.) Through their volunteer efforts, they raise money for their Legions, which really need the financial boost. In turn, the Legion reaches back into the community to support a variety of projects from sports teams to cadets to public speaking contests. The Legion is always willing to serve its community and the Auxiliary is always willing to serve its Legion. Where would we all be without them?

Haliburton Sled Dog Derby: Winter can be oh so long, so it's important to have something to look forward to. For the first part of winter, when the night keeps stealing some of the day's precious sunshine, that something is Christmas and all of its festive lights. Now that Christmas memories are growing dim, at least we have the Haliburton Sled Dog Derby to anticipate. It takes a lot of courage to volunteer hundreds of hours to organize an event that could be cancelled because of a bout of warm weather, so we are all indebted to Tanya McCready and Hank DeBruin of Winterdance and their fellow chief organizer, Terry Maher. If they hadn't taken on such a task, January would have been a very quiet month indeed. It will be fabulous to see those sleds taking off across Head Lake on January 12 and 13.

Jim Elstone and Phil Graham: There's no such thing as a lull in conversation in Canada, because whenever we run out of something to say, we can always turn to our old standby - talking about the weather. But Jim Elstone of Haliburton and Phil Graham of Minden are the true masters because they can back up their conversations with facts. The two of them are amateur weather watchers, people who compile statistics about snowfalls and rainfalls and record high and low temperatures. Ask them a question, and they can dig into their records to come up with an answer - and no, the warm weather we've been having isn't because of Russian satellites in space or other myths. Of course, they're willing to do all this work because they're interested in the subject, but it's everyone else who benefits from their knowledge.

The Jack Hoxie Collection: On a Monday afternoon at The Echo office, you will often hear that dreaded question: "Do you know what we're using for Pic of the Past?" All too often, the answer is no, and so we find ourselves dipping into the Jack Hoxie Collection compiled and annotated by the Haliburton Highlands Museum. The museum took photos of all of Jack Hoxie's photos and then he provided brief descriptions of them. Unfortunately, it's getting so that we've used nearly all of the photos, so if anyone has a photo of their own collection of Highlands memories, please drop by the office. But in the meantime, we'd like to thank Mr. Hoxie and the museum for being such wonderful chroniclers of our past.



Winter walkway

by Cathy Olliffe/Echo

Pipe Dreams

THE OTHER DAY I was sitting in my office lost in dreamland and formulating original and innovative ways of resolution avoidance for the New Year. Everything was just right; I was wearing slippers and a smoking jacket, sipping strong coffee and chomping on my new pipe.

Of course, it took me a while to get the hang of the pipe; I just got it at Christmas and, surprisingly, these things don't come with a set of instructions for a man to ignore. I suppose it's one of those things that any thoughtful fellow ought to figure out for himself. In hindsight, I should have removed it from my teeth before taking sips of coffee but then again, if I had, I would have never discovered that it drained so easily with its upside-down bowl design. What will they think of next?

As everyone knows, outdoorsmen have a longstanding tradition of pipe use. All the greats from Teddy Roosevelt to Ernest Hemingway have held them between clenched teeth and that was reason enough for me. After all, I clench my teeth all the time and I was hoping it might save on wear and tear. Unfortunately, our house is a minor reflection of society with me being the only politically incorrect segment at the dinner table. That makes us a smoke free environment, except for when I'm thinking. I knew it was going to take some smooth talking and charm and since all my friends were busy, I was pretty sure I didn't stand a chance.

Still I thought it was worth a try. I've always wanted a pipe but I've held off until now. It's one of those things that only suit an outdoorsman approaching middle age. By that time a fellow's has finally come to the realization that he'll never attain the look of suaveness without a prop. And, besides, a person ought to try

it while he still has his own teeth.

So, in what I guessed would be a long and subtle campaign, I hinted to Carol that a pipe gives a man character and make even the most inept fool look dignified.

I had hardly formulated the next argument before she rushed out and bought me a pair of

them. This even surprised me and when I asked why, she admitted that every outdoors writer she's ever had the misfortune of meeting sported a pipe and jacket and it occurred to her that I should be no different. After all, I provide her with misfortune every day.

Sometimes her love knows no bounds. Surprisingly, the kids have even come to accept it. Jen says it suits me.

So here I am perfecting pipe gestures and learning how to tell tall tales between clenched teeth.

I've learned a few things I my inaugural walks through the back fields. First off, never tap the bowl of your pipe on the bottom of your boots after walking where the cows have been.

I've also uncovered the secret to pipe-smoking outdoorsmen looking so calm when they finally catch a big fish. It's hard to drop your jaw and hang onto your pipe at the same time.

Now that I have that down, it won't be much longer before I can hold court while ice fishing. It's common knowledge that whenever an outdoorsman needs advice they turn immediately to the pipe-smoking fellow. That's partly because he looks so calm, suave, and debonair butt mostly because he can't talk a whole lot while clenching a pipe between his teeth - something Carol is strangely happy about too.

But I won't begrudge her that. After all, she introduced to the sophisticated world of pipe smoking. I just wish it wasn't with a pink and yellow bubble pipe, that's all.

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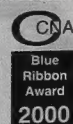


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A look back on 2001

WITH THE BUSY FALL SITTING of the Legislature behind us, I would like to share with you what our government's accomplishments mean to you, your family and our community. Though our Premier, Mike Harris announced his resignation, our government ended this current legislative session as it began in 1995 with the introduction of bold, historic and aggressive reforms.

This fall, we accelerated our promised cuts to personal income taxes, corporate income taxes and capital taxes that were scheduled to come into effect on January 1, 2002.

When our personal income tax cuts are complete, a family of four – with a combined income of \$60,000 from two earners – will have \$2,345 more each and every year. This money belongs to you and your family, and you know best how to spend your money.

I am very proud of what our government has accomplished. Particularly when it comes to balancing the need to encourage future growth and create



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jobs with the need to protect Ontario's natural resources and our environment. In our community, we have seen new businesses come into the area providing new jobs and boosting our local economy. Our government has invested in water quality programs, bridge replacements and local health care to ensure Haliburton-Victoria-Brock has the infrastructure it needs to grow.

The events of September 11 reminded us that we must never take our safety and security for granted. Following that terrible day, your government acted swiftly and decisively to protect the people of Ontario, appointing two new security advisers who are providing strategic advice on Ontario's emergency readiness. We also announced new training facilities for our police, firefighters and ambulance personnel, investing more than \$30 million in counter terrorism and emergency-management measures.

This fall, I was proud to introduce a number of pieces of legislation in my role as Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing. With lots of stakeholder consultation and discussion, we passed important legislation to protect the Oak Ridges Moraine, one of Ontario's most important ecological assets. This legislation will ensure the future protection of 100 percent of the moraine's significant natural features and water resources. It also allows development in appropriate areas and sets out clear conditions for the moraine's protection and use. This brings the total amount of land we've protected in Ontario to more than three million hectares – or four million football fields!

I also introduced legislation to modernize Ontario's Municipal Act – the first time this act has had major changes since 1849! This bill sets out clear authority for municipalities, and will give them more power to deliver services and deal with local public issues. In the area of municipal planning, I also had the opportunity to lead consultations on Smart Growth and introduced and passed legislation for the revitalization of brownfields, to assist municipalities plan for growth and economic development.

Health care continues to be a dominant issue in our community and throughout Ontario. To ensure that Ontario families have access to professional health advice and information 24 hours a day, seven days a week, we have expanded Telehealth Ontario, a service we began in 1999, to every community across Ontario, just as we promised. Now, parents who wake up in the middle of the night with a sick child can speak to a registered nurse – any day, any time.

In our community, we have seen the renovation and modernization of the two facilities of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, and the Ross Memorial Hospital is about to begin its \$40-million expansion. These facilities will help to ensure that our community has the health care it needs close to home.

Your government has made great progress fulfilling our commitments to Ontarians, but we know there is more to do. We will continue to keep our promises and keep Ontario on the right track, so that we can protect the gains of the past and prepare Ontario for the challenges of tomorrow and continue to fight for the interests of hard-working Ontario families like yours.



Pic of the Past

AS READERS with long memories will know, here in Haliburton, we often don't have our New Year's Baby until well into the new year – sometimes as late as April! With only a half dozen or so babies born at Haliburton Hospital a year, perhaps it's not surprising. So in case we're in for a long wait, here's a baby picture of Jack Hoxie. We've often dug into his collection of photos at Haliburton Highlands Museum for our Pic of the Past. He was raised by his grandmother, Alice (née Lucas) Hoxie in the house next to The Echo office in Haliburton after his mother died when he was only four. Today, he is a resident of Hyland Crest in Minden. He was born September 22, 1912.

letters to the editor

Wolves part of nature's balance

To the Editor:

Re: Wolf Hunting Moratorium

Has history and plain common sense gone completely out the window? Experts in the field, studying wolves ask for a 30-month moratorium and our Councillor, Jerry Walker, a 30-year hunter feels he is a better authority.

Have we not learned from history that in order to strengthen a species we cull the small and weak while breeding the strong. Is that not what the wolves do in nature? Ask any farmer which animals he keeps for breeding. As hunters what do you do? If given the choice, you kill the "Trophy", the biggest and best. Great caretakers!

A 100 years ago there were a lot more deer around as well as wolves. Nature always kept the balance. History has shown what happens when we become the caretakers. A caretaker con-

siders the animal first, not themselves.

Unfortunately Haliburton County as Mr. Walker well knows, depends heavily on Tourist dollars. The wolves have in the last few years been a big part of that. The tourist comes because we have what they don't. If we continue to cut down our tallest trees and allow the short and knotty to re-seed the forest, kill off the forest's caretakers so that what life is left will become weak and die, what will we have left for the tourist to come and see or for us to survive on.

The wolves in Haliburton County have over the years kept hunters stocked with plenty of strong healthy deer to shoot at. They are even bringing in tourist dollars these days. An employee no boss would fire. Except for the times that someone leaves a defenseless snack chained-up in a remote hunt camp for them, we rarely hear

anything bad about them. If you want blood and gore, read a Toronto paper, to see what we do to each other.

I would ask if Mr. Walker is speaking as a 30 year hunter, representing the current 8% of the population that still hunt or for the other 92% that look toward Haliburton's future with man's history in mind.

If they are coming to see what we have because they don't, why get rid of it? They already have an excellent museum at home.

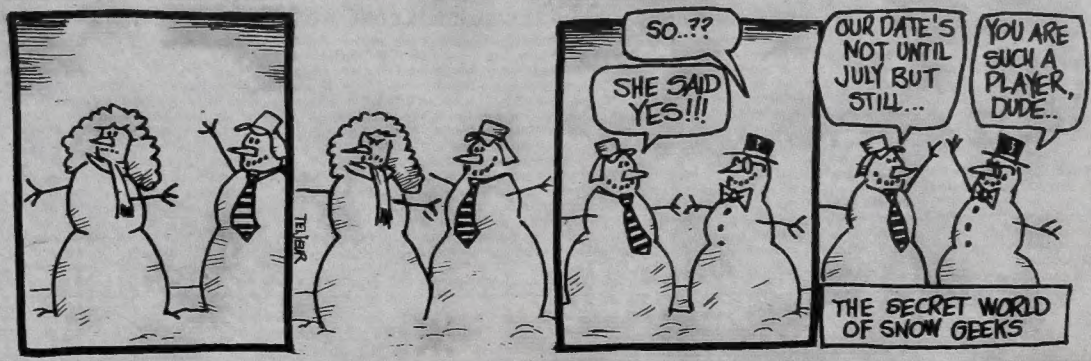
They are only asking for 30 months.

Rolf Gryciuk,
Haliburton

P.S.: Many of us see more than three wolves in one year while walking in the bush unarmed. Mr. Walker is correct when he says that wolves are "very smart animals".

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur

This Boonieville first appeared last January. A new Boonieville will return in next week's paper.





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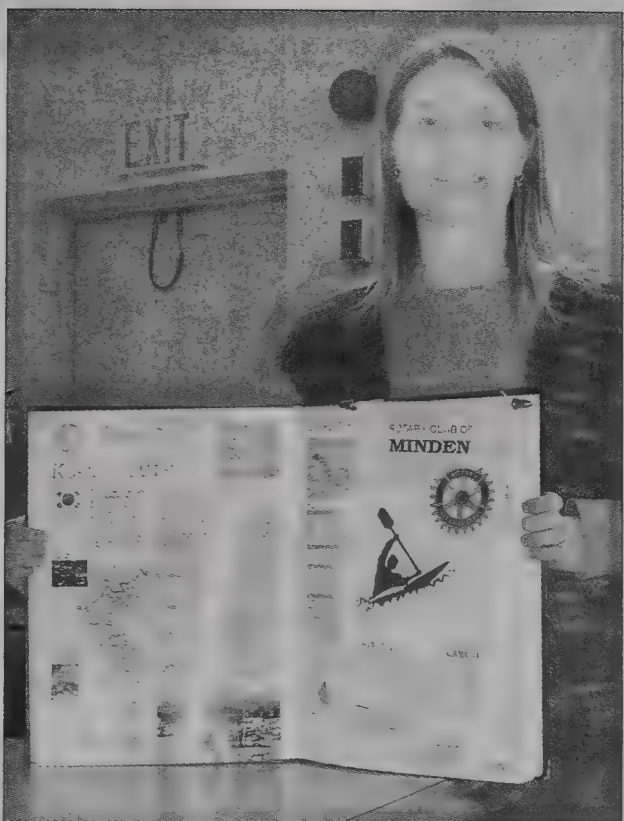
Several local businesses and non-profit organizations are already familiar with the program. Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Preserve, for example, has used U Links to get research done on the impact of snowmobiling on the environment. The We Will Build a Pool Committee has used U Links to research how people feel about building a pool here. What's more, this research is done for these organizations, for free.

Jim Blake, Jenny Sharp and Kate Hall appeared before Minden Hills council Thursday Dec. 20 to talk about U Links, which has an office in the old Minden council chambers.

Blake said U Links was started in the fall of 1999 to "get a university presence in this community ... people say, 'why do you have a research centre in such a small community?' If the university isn't here, we will bring the university to us," he said.

Hall explained U Links asks people in the Highlands to come up with ideas they need research for, then they develop those ideas into projects suitable for Year 3 or 4 university students to take on for credits. "They can do this in any discipline," Hall said.

The projects are advertised on the U Links website



Kate Hall, co-ordinator of Trent University's U-Links project displays the atlas of all the research that's already been compiled by students about the Highlands.

at Trent University. All projects aren't guaranteed to be tackled and the process is a lengthy one, taking anywhere from eight months to a few years, but the price tag is right: it's a freebie.

U Links also has a computer that anyone can access. Among other things, it contains the Haliburton County Collection, the General Store of Local Literature. Sharp said the collection is a database containing all kinds of "grey literature," the stuff that's not published. It includes things like consultants' reports, family histories and minutes from meetings involving topics like history, culture and the environment.

"Pretty much anything you can think of," Sharp said.

Ontario seeks input on Crown land forestry changes

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources is asking for public comment on a proposal to amend and extend the Environmental Assessment (EA) Act approval for forest management activities on Crown land in Ontario – commonly known as the Timber EA approval.

The "Paper for Public Review Concerning the Extension and Amendment of the Environmental Assessment Act Approval for Forest Management on crown Lands in Ontario" will be posted on the Environmental Bill of rights (EBR) Registry Bulletin Board Web site at www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/env_reg/er/registry.htm, and will be accessible as of December 24, 2001, by entering the EBR Registry number PB01E7004.

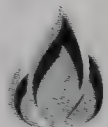
The MNR's current forest management activities on Crown land were approved under the Environmental Assessment Act in May 1994.

Forest operations covered by the Timber EA include harvesting timber, forest renewal and tree planting, forest maintenance, and the preparation, review and approval of forest management plans.

Written comments on the discussion paper are welcome and must be submitted no later than February 18, 2002, to the following address – Ministry of Natural Resources, Timber EA Renewal Project, Suite 400, 70 Foster Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, P6A 6V5; or by e-mail to TimberEAComments@mnr.gov.on.ca

The ministry will also gather input through public information sessions in seven locations across the province – Dryden, Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay, Timmins, Peterborough and Guelph – to be held from January 28, 2002, to February 11, 2002.

The dates and times of public information centres will be posted at www.timber.mnr.gov.on.ca



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Peewee AE's thunder in B Championship

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On December 15, the Peewee AE's hosted a very successful tournament for seven visiting teams that included Ops, Newmarket, East Gwillimbury, Bracebridge Selects, Huntsville and Port Carling. A great time was had by all and the Peewee AE's played some great hockey along the way.

Storm 3 Bracebridge 2

The Storm vaulted into the A division with a hard fought decision over Bracebridge. After a tight, scoreless first period Bracebridge drew

first blood in the second period when they knocked in a rebound from the crease. However, Kyle Fry took only eight seconds to even things up when he knocked in a feed from Tyler Watson.

Bracebridge took a 2-1 lead two minutes later with after some intense pressure of their own. Cody Mills tied the score shortly thereafter with assists from Derek Nesbitt and Kenton Winn and with less than a minute left in the second frame Watson drained one with assists from Jon Petch and Ryan Sheffe.

After the high scoring second period

goalie Mike Lennox and the Storm "D" locked the door in the third period to preserve the 3-2 victory.

Storm 1 Newmarket 7

In their second game the Storm battled bravely against a very strong Newmarket team that eventually won the tournament. Storm goalie Ian Sachs made a number of key saves to keep the Storm close in the first period and, in fact, with a late first period goal by Jordan Joanu the score was very close at 2-1.

However Nemarket just kept coming and the Storm also found themselves

killing consecutive 2-man disadvantages in the second period. It was just too much to overcome and the Storm eventually bowed by a score of 7-1.

Storm 7 East Gwillimbury 0

The Storm raged to a 7-0 victory and won the B Championship in their final game.

Lennox and Sachs shared the victory shutout for the Storm. Mills led the Storm scorers with a hat trick and singles went to Watson, Joanu, Joe Gallagher and Zach Pierson. Dallyn Smith and Max Ambridge also recorded assists enroute to the victory.

A curling good time in Haliburton Highlands

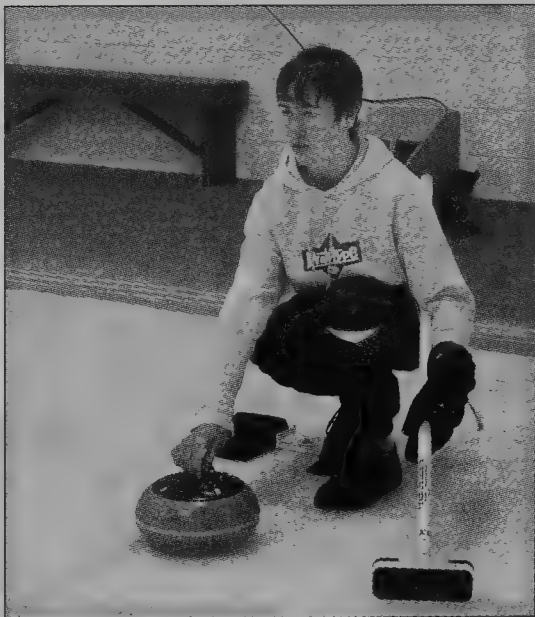


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The junior curlers enjoyed two six-end games at the 5th annual Christmas Junior Fun Spiel with the Haliburton Curling Club on Dec. 15. The winning team of four each received a \$5 dollar gift certificate from Subway. Everyone who played were given a candy bag.

Left:
A group of four enthusiastic youths sweep for some fun and a chance to knock the competitors' rock out of the ring.

Bottom:
A Robert Ainsley lines up his rock for the hammer.



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The search for a new logo:

The winners of the Highland Storm logo and name contest gathered at the Dysart arena to accept their reward for a job well done. Each person received a jersey with the new logo and name on it.

In the front row from left to right: Adrian Winn, Michael Lennox, Matt Eno on behalf of his aunt Erin Eno who designed the logo and Colin Callaghan on behalf of his mother Brenda Callaghan. In the back row from left to right: Jim Winn, Greg Carpenter, Laurie Smith, Andy Lennox and Mark Eno.

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A glance at the HHSS autumn sports season



The jr. boys season never got going.



The sr. girls field hockey team, 3rd in COSSA tourney



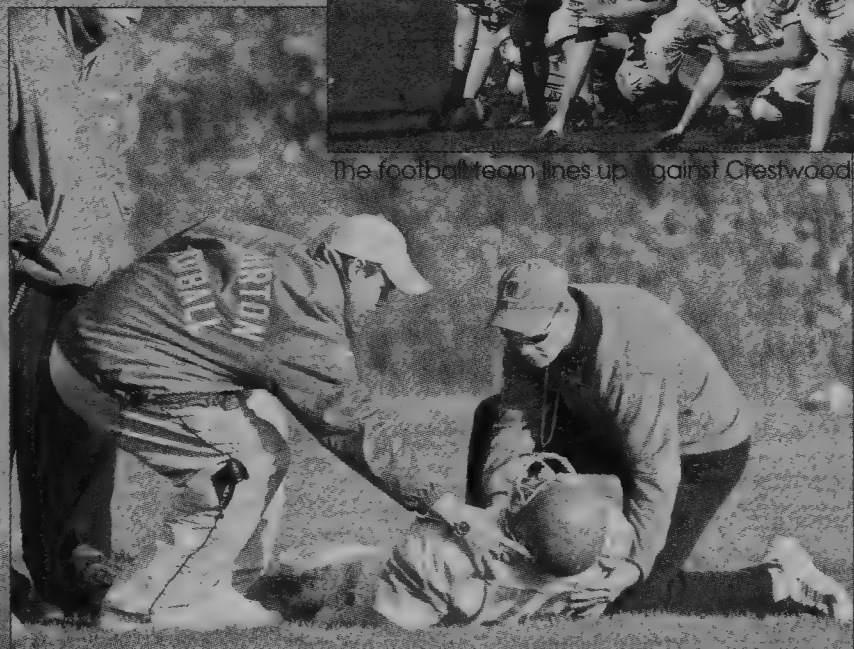
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The football team lines up against Crestwood



The jr. girls basketball team listens to their coach during the half



Injuries plagued the HHSS football team all season.

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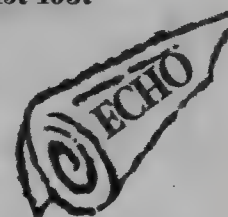
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Wednesday Jan. 9th	Devotions	10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Jan. 16th	Devotions	10:30 a.m.
Thursday Jan. 17th	Meeting of Baha'i Council	7:00 p.m.
Friday Jan. 18th	Feast of Sovereignty	7:00 p.m.
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Wednesday Jan. 23	Devotions	10:30 a.m.
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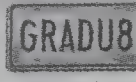
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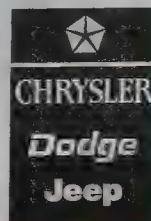
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ATVs urged to stay off snowmobile trails

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Groomed snowmobile trails are not for ATVs. Local snowmobile clubs are reminding ATV riders to stay off snowmobile trails this winter.

In an effort to help snowmobiling and ATving coexist responsibly and respect each other's riding seasons and trails, that's also the joint message from the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) and the Ontario Federation of All-Terrain Vehicle Clubs (OFATV).

As soon as the groomers start to roll on OFSC snowmobile trails this winter, ATV riders are requested to stay off until grooming operations stop next spring. By avoiding OFSC trails, ATV operators can help avert land use conflicts and loss of trails, and also help snowmobile clubs keep trails in better shape for snowmobiles.

"OFSC trails are paid for and operated for snowmobilers, not ATV riders who do not buy snowmobile trail permits," says OFSC General Manager Ron Purchase. "ATV riders must either develop their own trails for winter use or ride on trails other than those maintained by OFSC clubs. Better yet, why

not join us on a snowmobile?"

Riding an ATV on OFSC trails not only can cause surface damage that the ATV operator does not pay to repair, it can have other equally serious results.

Many snowmobile trails exist thanks to the generosity of private property owners who have agreed to allow snowmobiles on their land. However, this permission does not extend to ATVs, so any ATVs trespassing on OFSC trails across private land may cause landowner problems for the local snowmobile club.

"ATV riders trespassing on OFSC snowmobile trails this winter is part of a much larger issue that needs to be addressed cooperatively by the OFSC and the OFATV," says Purchase. "There are thousands of ATV owners in Ontario, most of whom don't yet belong to an ATV club or the OFATV. If they did, the OFATV might have the resources and mandate to develop its own ATV trail system as their counterparts in Quebec have done so successfully. Meanwhile, riding on OFSC trails will only cause trouble for both our organizations and all responsible riders."



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Winterfest riding high on last year's popularity

Horse drawn sleigh rides return to Winterfest on Feb. 2 and 3

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Plans are already underway to build on the success of previous year's events.

Most activities will take place at Head Lake Park in Haliburton on February 2 and 3 including

- horse drawn sleigh rides
- pony rides
- dog team rides
- games for kids
- skating
- ice sculptures
- logging and winter sport displays
- snowmobile time trials
- ice fishing
- food concession booth
- snow volleyball
- snowshoe demonstrations and
- the Re/Max balloon

Wigamog Resort will once again host the Snowmobile Poker Run.

The Lions Club will fill everyone with pancakes to start their day at a breakfast at the Legion, which will host darts, cards and a dance. The Legion is also hosting the ice fishing derby.

Organizer Wayne Hussey says other events will be available as sponsors and organizations are found to run them. If you have an idea for an activity or want to help, please call him at 457-2892.

In the meantime, mark February 2 and 3 on your calendar.



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Accidents down last week versus previous week of 21 accidents

Following the theft of a helmet that was sitting on the seat of an ATV parked in front of a residence in Dysart, two local youths face several charges.

A 17-year-old West Guilford girl has been charged with theft, obstructing justice, possession of property obtained by crime and mischief.

A 16-year-old Highlands East boy has been charged with theft, four counts of failing to comply and possession of property obtained by crime.

The police say the two youths went to the house wanting to speak to a resident. It is alleged they stole the helmet when leaving the property.

Collisions

There was one collision on December 21 and five collisions on December 23 but all were minor with no injuries involved.

During the previous week there were 21 accidents, most of them involving only one vehicle. Police say many of the single vehicle collisions could have been avoided with the reduction of speed.

Break and enters

A quantity of firewood was stolen from a cottage shed on County Road 12.

A Skil power drill and a John Deer Stx38 garden tractor were stolen from a cottage on Twelve Mile Lake Road after a boathouse was broken into.

A gas card and some cash was stolen from a truck parked overnight at a residence on Pine Street in Haliburton on December 18. There was no damage to the vehicle.

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I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and wish everyone a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

The Lake of Bays Anglican Parish celebrated a joint service on Sunday at St. Mary Magdalene's, Dorset, followed by an Open House at the Rectory. The custom of lighting candles on a decorated "Advent Wreath" came from the Lutheran Church in Scandinavia. Like the Christmas tree, the Advent wreath has its origins in pre-Christian festivals of light that celebrated the winter solstice. In recent years its use has become widespread in most Christian churches in the west as a reminder of our time of preparation for the coming of Christ, both at Bethlehem and at the end of the world.

The Dorset Recreation Centre re-opens Wednesday, January 2. The next session of yoga classes will Allie Chisholm-Smith begins Friday, January 4. Please call the Rec Centre 766-9968 or the Yoga Room 789-0367 to register.

The 5th Annual Dinner & Music Night at the Dorset Recreation Centre will be

taking place on Saturday, January 19. Dinner will be provided by the Dorset Lifeliners. Stay after dinner and enjoy music provided by local musicians. If you would like to participate in the music portion of the evening, please call Joe Alfano at 766-0076. Stay tuned for more details and ticket prices.

There will be a bus going to Riverdance at the Hummingbird Theatre in Toronto May 30 & then to Casino Rama on the way back to Dorset. For more information, please call Janeen at 766-2314 or Barb at 766-2108.

Congratulations are in order to proud parents Erich and Michelle Nash on the birth of their son, Cameron James, born December 14. A new little brother for sister Jordyn. Congratulations also to Doris and Rick Nash, the happy grandparents.

Birthday wishes go to Rebecca Mead, Kyle Chatelain, Hailey Pulfrey, Rebecca Arbuckle and Nancy Morley. Happy Anniversary to Paul and Nancy Morley. Have a wonderful day!

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Seven charges and two suspensions issued in the OPP's pre-Christmas RIDE check

Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police would like to report the statistics for the Festive R.I.D.E. December 13th - 19th.

Vehicles Checks: 738

12 Hour Suspensions: 1

Driver's Licence Suspensions: 1

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Ice follies

Believe it or not, at least one snowmobiler crossed the ice on Head Lake Dec. 27. The lake wasn't even frozen all the way across and even what was frozen was pretty thin. Winter may look as if it has arrived in Haliburton County, but the cold weather was slow coming and the ice is just not safe. A reader on Lake Kashagawigamog called on Saturday to say a snowmobile had just gone down the lake even though the ice just began forming on December 27. Snowmobile trails are not open yet either, but stay posted, and we'll let you know as soon as they are.

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Setting the standards for trails

New template from Trails and Tours Network provides important guidelines

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network is setting the standard for trail development in the Highlands.

The organization has recently published a Trail Development Template.

In it, any group, business or individual interested in setting up their own trail network will find everything they need to know, from design tips to signage.

As well as laying the groundwork for consistently good trails and signage, if followed the template will help the Highlands develop a reputation as a prime trail destination.

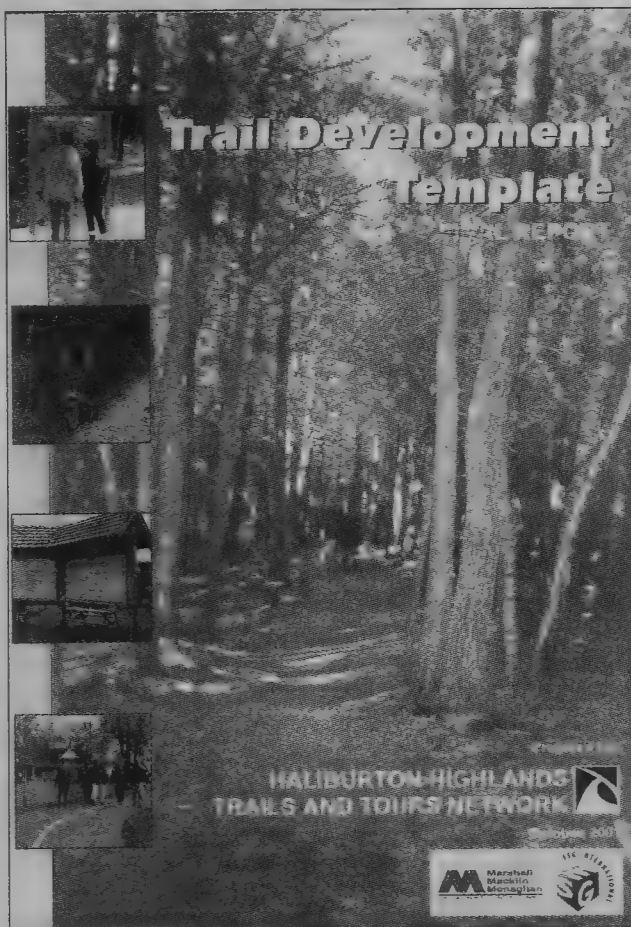
"For the user, it means you've assured quality," says the Network's Barrie Martin.

By encouraging uniform signage, he says "it also creates an identity for the Highlands - people will know they're in a trails destination."

Raising the standards is important if the Highlands is to convince trail users to come here. Other areas have developed extensive trail systems which provide an economic link for communities. "If you have quality trails," Martin says, "people will use them."

The template was created by ESG International and Marshall Macklin Monaghan. Landscape architects Kenneth Buck and Jay Cranstone say "there is ample information to support the notion that properly designed, managed and marketed trails represent very significant opportunities for economic, social and environmental benefits for residents and visitors alive. This is based on the premise that the system is 'done right' from the start.

"The completion of this template is an impor-



The template is available to anyone considering trail development or improvements. Another important feature of the template are the guidelines for uniform signage. At bottom left is one of the drawings to explain drainage techniques.

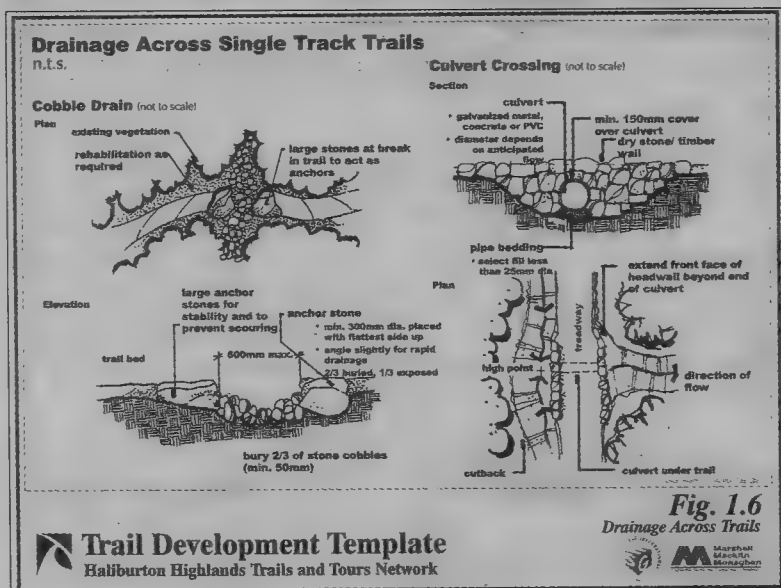
tant part of achieving that objective."

Martin says it's not the Network's intention to force all trails to follow the template. Rather, anyone planning to develop or enhance existing trails would benefit from the work the Network has done in creating protocols and bringing them all together in one easy-to-read booklet.

Because of the printing costs, not many booklets are available. (Corporate sponsors for the printing of the template are always welcome.)

If interested in attaining a copy, please contact the Trails and Tours Network office in the Chamber of Commerce office on Hwy 35 in Minden, 286-1760 or info@trailsand-tours.on.ca.

The Network also welcomes new members and volunteers. Please contact the office to find out ways you can get involved with the organization.



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Christmas cheer in Wilberforce

Opportunities to celebrate Christmas with others in the community were plentiful this year.

At the Carol Service at the historical Essonville Church on Sunday, December 23, the people, led by Kerry Riley, sang heartily to express their joy of the season. The lamps, the candles, the old pump organ music, the inspiring readings and poetry, drew one back in time and reminded all of the reason for the season.

The spirits of pioneers and former members of Christ Church seemed to be adding their presence, their voices, their approval. Appreciation to all who made the annual event an uplifting one. They included Kerry Riley, Elsie Lewis, Joan Noble, Roy Hoare, Theresa Riley, Ken Jones, Chantel Stephens, Carla Thompson, Wayne Rutter, Bob, Margo and Megan McCrae and Ken Noble.

On Saturday, December 22, carollers visited many homes in Wilberforce, bringing cheer and goodwill. Following this outdoor musical venture, all assembled at the Lloyd Watson Centre for more carols and cocoa by the fireplace. Thanks to Mary Barker and all at Agnew's for this pleasant event.

One of the best known voices in this eastern part of the county is silent. Lifelong resident of Harcourt, Ronald Mumford died on December 20, 2001 at the Haliburton Hospital. He had been admitted just days before to this place he had visited many times to comfort his wife Iris who has been hospitalized there for several weeks.

Ron will be long remembered by his family, his friends and acquaintances. Though in poor health for several years, Ron's presence was always felt in the community, always there, creating business, making a deal, giving advice, letting his ideas and opinions flow. He was a big part of the heart of Harcourt.

Sympathy is extended to his wife, Iris, his children Gerrard, Craig and Gail and to his siblings Edward, Dorothy, Ross, Dale, Doug and Jim and all of their families.

About 50 people welcomed the opportunity to enjoy turkey dinner with all the trimmings on Christmas Day at the All Star Restaurant in Wilberforce. The meal was served by Susan, Dorothy and Same Rivers and their helpers. The All Star people provided their facilities for this feast.

Curling resumes the week beginning January 6 for all leagues after the holiday break. The Family Feud Bonspiel is scheduled for January 11 and 12.

The Wilberforce Elementary School's Christmas Concert was held at the Lloyd Watson Centre in the afternoon on December 18. Welcoming the children and the audience were school principal Mrs. Birdie Murphy, trustee Valerie Smith and Monmouth Seniors Club President Elsie Lewis.

The children performed well their appropriately chose and well practised pieces. After the program, Santa arrived and with some Seniors Club helpers presented treats to all the children and refreshments for the adults.

And trying not to sound like Scrooge or the Grinch, here are some suggestions that might help the children, staff, etc. give an even better performance. The stage in the revamped centre is pretty. But it is now (legally) only 24 inches high. That's better than last year when the old stage had been removed and the kids performed on the floor. It is however 15 inches lower than the old stage.

Also, when are we going to get the sound system control panel and jacks installed for use at the new stage end? Finally, humbug. Could we have a nice big Christmas tree placed somewhere in the hall? Surely all the generous folk in the area would enjoy donating towards a new tree and decorations for next year. Then the little one can be moved off the stage, where it blocks the kids from view. Okay, okay, we'll get on to all this in 2002. Happy New Year to all.

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- Jan. 9: Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists. Join us for a presentation on the Arctic by Eleanor Bathe, Wednesday, January 9, 2002. Haliburton Museum at 7:30.
- Jan. 15: Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers Association's annual general meeting plus workshops at Buckhorn Community Centre. Call Bill Betty at 457-2176.
- Jan. 16: All welcome. General Meeting of the Farm Market Association of Haliburton County to be held Wednesday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m. Location: Kashaga Dr., 1/2 km from N. Kashagawigamog Lake Road, turn in lane on right - first house - for specific directions call 457-1865.
- Jan. 20: The Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area will be holding "A Walk For Memories" on Sunday, January 20, 2002 at Portage Place. Watch for details!
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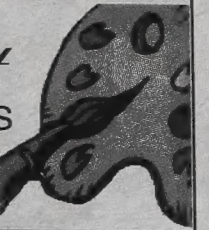
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AT REST

E. GLENN KELLETT

It is with great sadness that the

family of

E. Glenn Kellett

announces his passing at the

family cottage on Thursday, De-

cember 20, 2001 after a lengthy

illness faced with courage, deter-

mination and dignity. Born in

Minden, Ontario on March 13,

1933 to late Helena (Boldt) and

George Kellett.

Glenn will be forever loved and deep-

ly missed by his daughter Connie

(Frank) Zolotar, sons Mark (Cinde)

and Allan (Karen), their mother Jua-

nita Kellett, and loving friend Janet

Wood. Proud Grampa of Peter, Ken-

neth; Heidi, Dalton; Asha, Jordan and

Allana. Dear brother of Elwood, Son-

ny (Dorothy), Doug (Mary), Craige

(Linda), Verna (Milton) Hancock, Jean

Barkwell, Rowan (Bud) Harvie and

brother-in-law of Dick Goard. Prede-

ceased by brother Wallie (Sarah), sis-

ters Laureen Goard, Mildred (Bill)

Bladwin and by sisters-in-law Carol

and Doris. Remembered fondly by

many nieces and nephews. Glenn be-

gan his career with Ontario Hydro, fol-

lowed by Scarborough Public Utilities

Commission. He was a successful en-

trepreneur and inventor who founded

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tion Limited in 1967 and subsequent

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touched many lives with his approach

to work and genuine concern for em-

ployees. Glenn will be remembered

as an avid outdoorsman with a com-

mon sense approach to life, for his in-

novative spirit, generous hospitality,

love of music and respect for nature.

We will fondly recall the bluegrass

tunes he played on his mandolin.

Glenn's message to us is, "If music

be the food of love, play on." Glenn's

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(1-888-588-5777) on Saturday, De-

cember 29, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. with the

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ciating. Interment at the Minden Ce-

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- As a result of a fatal motor vehicle

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Sheila, Susan, Edward and Robert.

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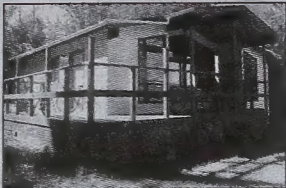
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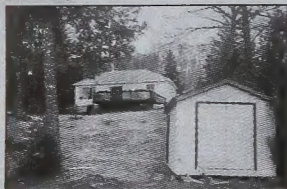
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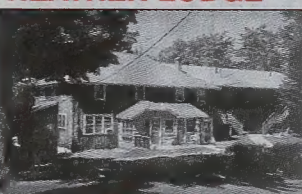


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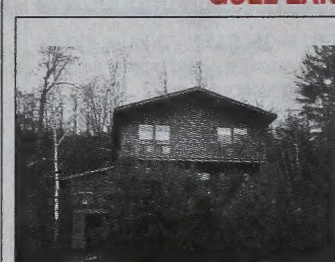
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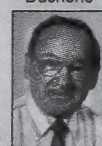
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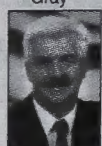
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